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Title: A TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS THEREOF,  
AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about  
January 17, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this  
Amendment.)

Amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A truss structure comprising an upper chord member,  
a lower chord member and a diagonal chord member connected to a parent plate  
via a connection part formed on an end of each of said chord members, wherein  
said upper chord member, said lower chord member and said diagonal  
chord member each comprise a pipe member;